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1. The China New Democratic Youth Corps (2450/3046/0031/5030/7230/1628/0957) is a new name, given by MAO Tse-tung in 1947 and approved by the authorities of the Communist Party, for the defunct Communist Youth Vanguard Corps (0364/3934/0031/5030/1421/1628/0341/6912/0957).¹ Officers since 1947 are:

Honorary chairman, JEN Pi-shih, deceased.
Honorary secretary, LIAO Ch'eng-chih (1675/2110/1807).
General secretary, FENG Wen-pin (7458/2429/1755).
Assistant secretary, CHIANG Nan-hsiang (5592/0589/5046).
2. The Corps Central Committee (0022/1135/0957/1201/2585) has a general secretary and an assistant secretary, and is made up of an Organization Department, Propaganda Department, and Masses Movement Department (5028/6663/6752). Under the Corps Central Committee is a working committee for each administrative area; working committees for the provinces function under the area working committees. The chain of command is then down through working committees at the special administrative area, hsien, district, and hsiang levels. At the hsiang level these committees are termed rural branch organizations. A branch organization may also be established in factories. Three branch organizations may form a corps committee under the direction of the local corps committee.
3. Through the Youth Corps the Communists control the youth of the country, and all its activities are directed by the Party. In villages the most important function of the Corps is the assignment of duties, such as supervision of labor

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of landlords, maintenance of public order, detection of reactionary activities, and sentry duty. Other important functions are to see that the villages and factories fulfill their production quotas, and to assist in the maintenance of security in factories. In schools, the Youth Corps is active in propaganda and indoctrination work, and its members are generally leaders of the Anti-America movement.

4. For membership in the Corps, members must fulfill the following requirements:
- Be at least 15 years of age.
 - Declare their agreement with Party policies and principles, support for MAO Tse-tung's teachings, and hatred of the Americans.
 - Have a clean political record.
 - Have good work and study reports.
 - Be in good repute with the masses.
 - Be recommended for membership by two full members of the Corps, one full member of the Party, or two reserve members of the Party.
 - Have their applications approved, after discussion by cell and branch organizations, by district and county working committees.

An "intellectual" applying for membership must submit to a six-month period of surveillance, after which his application will not be accepted unless it is felt he is ideologically correct. A peasant's application requires little formality. In general it was easy to join the Corps [redacted] but [redacted] it had become difficult. [redacted] examination of the present membership of the Corps will take place.

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1. [redacted] Comment. Our records state that the two are co-existent.

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